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Pete Ricketts, Governor

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October 28, 2021

Ex. 4 CBI

& Green Disposal Mead, LLC

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Re: Biochar Processing Unit Decommissioning/Sale.
Facility ID: 84069
Program ID: IWM NE0204447

Dear **Ex. 4 CBI**

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) has learned that Green Disposal Mead, LLC (Green Disposal) sold the Biochar unit and is in the process of decommissioning it. While there is no prohibition on the removal and sale of the Biochar unit, the NDEE is requiring some additional information regarding the ultimate fate of the unit. Please provide the NDEE with the following information:

- 1) What is happening to the Biochar unit?
 - If the Biochar unit is sold will it remain in Nebraska or leave the state?
 - If the purchaser is in-state, please provide the name and location of the new owner.
 - If the purchaser is out of state, please provide the name of the town and state where the Biochar unit will be sent.
- 2) What does AltEn LLC/Green Disposal plan on doing with the remaining sacks of Biochar?
 - The NDEE views the Biochar as a solid waste and it must be handled in accordance with the requirements of Nebraska Title 132. This includes proper handling and disposal of the Biochar. The NDEE recommends, at a minimum, wrapping the bags prior to transport and disposal.
 - Per Title 132, Chapter 11, Section 001.01 all permitted solid waste processing facilities (including composting facilities) that transport solid waste out of state must pay a fee of \$1.25/ton of solid waste. The AltEn facility in Mead, NE is a permitted composting facility and is therefore subject to this fee provision should the Biochar leave Nebraska. If the Biochar is to be sent out of state, contact

Department of Environment and Energy

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NDEE for payment of the fee and provide information regarding where the Biochar will be sent, as well as the receiving party.

It is the understanding of the NDEE that in order for AltEn or Green Disposal to remove the Biochar unit, the silt fence surrounding it was disassembled. Please be aware that once the Biochar unit is offsite AltEn or Green Disposal must immediately replace the silt fence, repair any damage caused as a result of the fence removal and absence, and clean up any loose Biochar remaining in the area, including but not limited to Biochar on the concrete pad and surrounding area and Biochar tracked out by vehicles onto the ground and roads. Any Biochar collected during the cleanup must be taken to a permitted solid waste landfill for proper disposal.

Please submit the requested information no later than November 12, 2021. If you have any questions please contact me at 402-471-4270 or thomas.buell@nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Buell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Buell
Division Administrator
Monitoring and Remediation